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SUBJECT: DIA INTEREST IN VISITING PERSIAN GULF OIL
FACILITIES

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1. TWINAM AND COUNTRYMAN OF NEA/ARP MET WITH DIA
PETROLEUM ANALYST EUGENE BOZAY JUNE 20 TO DISCUSS DIA
"SPECIAL STUDY" OF GULF OIL FACILITIES AND BOZAY'S DESIRE
TO TRAVEL TO KUWAIT, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE FOR ON-
SITE VISITS OR ORIENTATION.

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2. TWINAM REGISTERED SOME SURPRISE THAT SINCE ALMOST WITH-
OUT EXCEPTION THE GULF OIL FACILITIES WERE CONSTRUCTED BY
AMERICANS, THE DATA DIA REQUIRED IS NOT AVAILABLE HERE
THROUGH OPEN SOURCES. HE ALSO NOTED POLICY DECISIONS HAD
BEEN MADE NOT TO PURSUE QUESTION OF OILFIELD SECURITY
ARRANGEMENTS WITH IRANIAN AND SAUDI GOVERNMENTS AT THIS
TIME, THUS MAKING ANY TRAVEL TO THESE TWO COUNTRIES SUCH

AS BOZAY PROPOSED INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE FORESEEABLE
FUTURE. TWINAM NOTED WE HAD NO MILITARY ATTACHES
ACCREDITED TO KUWAIT OR ABU DHABI AND THAT THERE IS A RE-
CENT HISTORY OF EXTREME GULF SENSITIVITY TO ANY SUGGESTION

U.S. MILITARY DEVELOPING PLANS TO SECURE MIDDLE EAST
OILFIELDS.

3. TWINAM ENCOURAGED BOZAY TO MAKE FULL USE OF EXTENSIVE
DOMESTIC LITERATURE ON MIDDLE EAST OIL FACILITIES NOTING
THAT IF THERE WERE STILL GAPS, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PRE-
PARED TO PASS REASONABLE REQUESTS TO OUR EMBASSIES FOR
INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC INSTALLATIONS BUT THAT WE
WOULD NOT WISH TO APPROVE ANY DIA TRAVEL TO THE FOUR
COUNTRIES AT THIS TIME IN CONNECTION WITH OILFIELD
VULNERABILITY STUDIES. VANCE

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